

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

and A. M. steamer *Menmuir*, with the Straits mail, left Singapore on the 21st inst. and may be expected here on the 21st inst.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

A HART, WILL, CROSS
Straits and London.—Per *Agamemnon*,
the 20th instant, at 11.30 A.M.
Singapore and Penang.—To-day, the 20th

—This Packet carries no mails for the
Malina Colonies.

**LETTERS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT
MAILS.**

BREXID MAIL.—DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE.
Money Office closes. Post Office
closes, except the night box, which is always
open at office hours.

DAY OF DEPARTURE.
Post Office opens.
a.m., Registry of Letters closes: Posting of
printed matter and pattens closes.
p.m., Mail closes, except for Late Letters.
a.m., Letters may be posted with Late Fee
40 cents only.

a.m., when the Post Office closes entirely.
a.m., Late Letters may be posted on board
packet with Late Fee of 15 Cents until
departure.

ENGLISH MAIL.—DAY OF DEPARTURE.

Correspondence for the West India (except
so belonging to the Postal Union, the Ba-
nana, and Hayti), for Monte Video, Paraguay,
Uruguay can no longer be sent via San
Francisco.

STAMP OFFICE.

The above Office being now provided with a
new set of Books of Receipts, Bank Collectors
and others, can be stamped beforehand in the
same manner as Cheque Books. Loose receipt
books can also be stamped if required.

**LETTERS FOR THE UNITED STATES BY SAILING
SHIP.**

When it is desired to forward letters to the
United States by a sailing ship which is not a
registered vessel, it is only necessary to
attach to the letters in the ordinary way, marked
with the name of the ship, and prepaid 8 cents

The attention of boxholders is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with the proper cryptographic seal of sending a safe letter or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves a doubt as to whether the contents of the box ever reached the Post Office; the sender might not have been abstracted for the sake of the Postage Stamps.

PENALTY FOR THE LOSS OF A REGISTERED LETTER.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered Correspondence, but should it be prepared to make good the loss of such letters, the sender might not have been abstracted for the sake of the Postage Stamps.

warded with such attention unless it also is so treated.

That the Postmaster-General is satisfied, at the loss incurred whilst the correspondence is in the custody of the British Postal Administration in China, that it will not be caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction on fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person acting in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

That the compensation can be paid for mere trifling articles to fragile articles such as portraits, matches, handemely bound books, &c, which exceed their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

To provide means of remitting small sums of money to or from this Colony and between the Colonies and the United Kingdom and Agents in this Office are allowed (but not required) to purchase Hongkong Postage Stamps from foreign residents.

Stamps tendered for sale must not exceed \$50 in value, must be perfectly clean, in good condition; and in strips of at least two; as separate Stamps will be purchased. They must be presented personally or accompanied by a letter.

Letters containing Stamps should be registered, and the Stamps should be secured from observation.

